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Applicants : Tetsushi KOKUBO et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/910,104  
 For : INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
 Filed : July 20, 2001  
 Examiner : Chanda L. Harris  
 Art Unit : 3715

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 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	53	Minus	** = 53	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	27	Minus	*** = 27	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

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\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid  or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, having a thirty-day term for response set to expire on March 26, 2006, wherein restriction was required among the claims as follows:

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Group I, claim 1;  
Group II, claims 2-7 and 32-37;  
Group III, claims 8-10;  
Group IV, claims 11 and 20;  
Group V, claims 12-17;  
Group VI, claims 18-19;  
Group VII, claim 21;  
Group VIII, claims 22-24;  
Group IX, claim 25-30;  
Group X, claim 31;  
Group XI, claims 38-52; and  
Group XII, claim 53.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 31 should be grouped together with claims 11 and 20. As the Examiner recognized, these three claims are directed to the same subject matter ("computer graphics processing motion planning or control") having the same classification ("class 345, subclass 474"). Moreover, claim 31 differs from, for example, claim 11, only in scope. Many of the elements recited in claim 31 also are recited in claims 11 and 20.

Likewise, it is respectfully submitted that claims 25-30 should be grouped together with claims 8-10 because, as the Examiner recognized, these two groups of claims are directed to the same subject matter ("a business practice") having the same classification ("class 705, subclass 1"). It is noted, claim 8, for example, is directed to information processing, whereas claim 25, for example, is directed to image processing. However, since an image is information, this difference should not be considered a restrictable difference.

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Nevertheless, in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants, by their attorney, elect Group II claims 2-7 and 32-37, without traverse, for further prosecution in this application.

Applicants' attorney also requests a reformation of the grouping of claims, namely, to reform group III to include claims 8-10 and 25-30; and to reform group IV to include claims 11, 20 and 31. With this reformation, groups IX and X can be eliminated.

Respectfully submitted,

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